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Applicant: Matthias Giese

Application Serial Number: 10/675,444

Filing Date: 09/30/2003

Title: Equine arteritis virus vaccine

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Examiner:

Group Art Unit: 1642

Lorton, Virginia, 2005 July 27, Wednesday

PRELIMINARY AMEDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment is being filed to further define the invention more particularly and distinctly in the above identified patent application.

Claims 24-25 are newly added. Upon the entering of this preliminary amendment, Claims 1-25 will be pending in the above identified patent application. The listing of the pending claims begins on page 3 of this paper. Support for this preliminary amendment can be found in the present application. Accordingly, no question of new matter should arise, and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration of the present application and a timely examination of the pending claims.

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forth below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17 or credit any overpayment, to deposit account No. 503321. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, or otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 503321.

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